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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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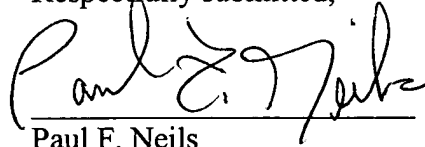
In an ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER, dated October 5, 2005, the Board vacated the Examiner's Answer of March 31, 2005 because the headings were not in compliance with the new rules under 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c). Accordingly, a corrected Examiner's Answer, dated January 10, 2006, was issued.

The substance of the January 10, 2006 Examiner's Answer is identical to the March 31, 2005 Examiner's Answer, except for the heading correction. Accordingly, no further arguments are presented by the Appellant at this time, and the Appellant respectfully requests the Board to refer to the May 25, 2005 Reply Brief in response to the current Examiner's Answer.

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Mr. Craig R. Feinberg at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences has previously indicated that the traditional Reply Brief headings were not necessary in such a Supplemental Reply Brief. Accordingly, Appellant believes this response to be in order.

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